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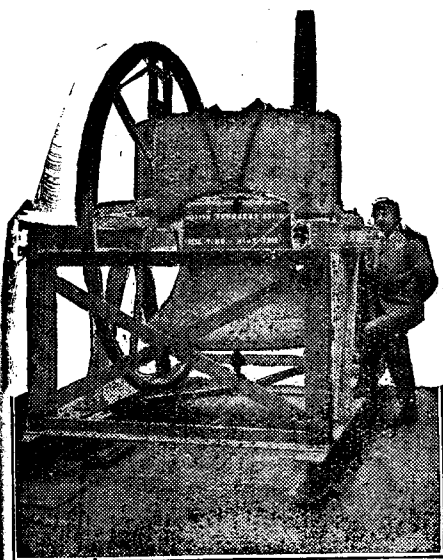
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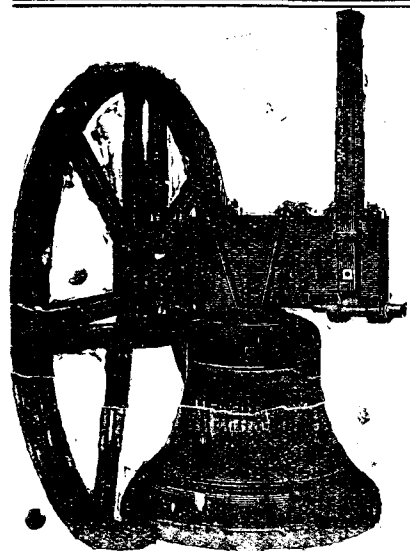
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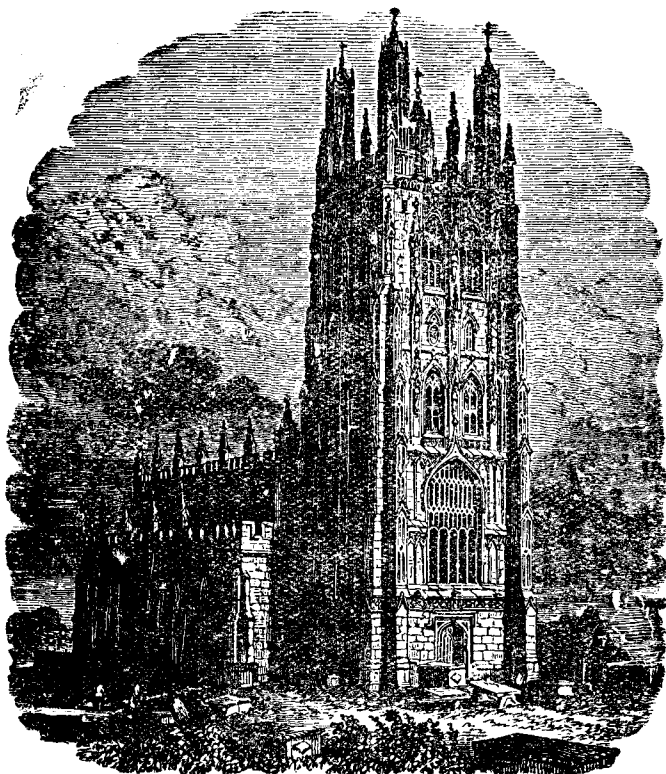
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WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.

The work of rehanging Wrexham bells had been looked forward to with the keenest interest by the inhabitants, and especially the ringers of Wrexham and the North Wales Association, to which body the Wrexham society is affiliated.

For some time it had been a well-known fact that the condition of Wrexham bells was a subject of the gravest anxiety to those who were aware of their condition, and it was felt that sooner or later the question of their entire restoration would have to be faced. On all sides it was duly recognised that such an historic ring of bells, hanging in one of the grandest towers of the country, should not be neglected.

The Mayor of Wrexham (who is a nonconformist) called a public meeting of the inhabitants, and the result was beyond expectation, for in the course of a few weeks the sum of £500 was raised to cover the cost of rehanging. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who immediately commenced to carry it out. The contract included the provision of a new iron X frame, resting on four steel girders. The bells were quarter-turned, with new headstocks, in fact everything was new except the bells. The treble, 2nd, 6th, and tenor were retuned, which has effected a marked improvement in the general tone of this magnificent ring of bells. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were so very prompt in completing their contract that the bells were ready for ringing a fortnight

before the stipulated time. On Christmas morning, after being silent for the space of six months, the bells at 6 a.m. pealed forth their many tidings of joy and goodwill.

The celebration of the reopening was a kind invitation by the Mayor of Wrexham (Councillor Edward Hughes) on boxing-day to a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel. The Wrexham ringers were invited along with leading members of the North Wales Association. The following were also present: the Mayor, the Vicar of Wrexham (Rev. Daniel Davies); the Churchwardens; Councillor S. Farman; Messrs. Ellis and Morris, Rhyl; Hughes and Pegler, Bangor; G. Jones and J. Morgan, Pulford; B. Sperrin and J. Wilde, Chester; etc. A capital luncheon was provided, and the toast of "The King" was proposed by the mayor and duly honoured. The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by councillor Farman and responded to by the Vicar of Wrexham (Rev. D. Davies). The Mayor proposed "Success to the Wrexham bells, and good health to their ringers," and this was ably responded to by Mr. Edward Rowland (conductor); who in giving a short history of the bells, said that in 1877 the bells were re-hung by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, in the original oak frame which was placed in the tower along with the bells in the year 1726, by Rudhall of Gloucester.

It would be perhaps interesting to state here that the weight of the tenor is 25 cwt., and the only ring of ten bells in North Wales. Mr. Rowland expressed on behalf of the ringers the heartiest thanks and deepest gratitude to the Mayor for so very kindly entertaining them that day, also for the prominent and vigorous attitude in so readily responding and using his kind and good offices in being responsible for the movement in placing the bells in their present sound condition.

The Rev. John Davies (Llangollen) in a very interesting speech seconded the vote of thanks, and a most enjoyable gathering and an eventful day terminated.

The whole of the ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where the bells were fully tested in various methods.

The general comment was that the bells went remarkably well, and on all hands there were expressions of appreciation of the work which had been so ably and so well done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The General Annual Meeting of the above society was held at The Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, on Monday, January 20th, at 9.30 p.m., the Master, Mr. J. Parker, presiding over an attendance of about 20 members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. A. Jacob; Secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; Treasurer, Mr. H. Dains; Senior Steward, Mr. A. N. Hardy; Junior Steward, Mr. R. Bevan. It was proposed to hold a quarterly meeting at West Ham on February 22nd, particulars of which will be duly announced. The new officers particularly request that members will endeavour to attend the fortnightly practices at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

LONDON SURPRISE.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Mr. Lindoff's reply to my letter is very disappointing; this is not at all a personal matter, but simply a question of finding out the truth, and I think that Mr. Lindoff would use your space to much greater advantage by helping to investigate the matter, instead of making unkind suggestions.

Personally I do not care a bit who produces the nearest approximation to London Royal, but I do very much care that the name London should be applied to that set of figures which most truly deserves it.

Mr. Lindoff states that my rules were made to suit any

method; this is an assumption on his part which, to put it mildly, is most unkind; the real fact is that the rules were drawn from the Minor and Major, and then the Royal was produced from the rules, and I have only started investigating the matter in order to arrive, if possible, at the truth.

He asks me to point out where he has "departed from London." I certainly thought that I had already done so, but if space can be afforded I will try to make the matter clearer, as it is certainly a very important matter, and ought to be definitely settled before any more peals are rung; and I hope that the College Youths, to whom I have the honor of belonging, will not book the peal as London until the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

MINOR	MAJOR.	Illigitmate. H. L. J. ROYAL A.	H. Law James. ROYAL A.B.	E. Banks James. ROYAL C.	G. Lindoff. ROYAL D.	W. F. Catchpole. ROYAL E.	H. L. J. MAXIMUS.
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	32745681	3274568109	3274568109	9725381604	7925314068	7352910846	3274568109EX
	23476518	2347651890	2347651890		9752341608	3725901486	2347651890EX
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		5684023071	2458637091	8352694710	4325698710	9273054618	5684023071EX
			4285360791	8536249701	4236589701	9720345681	
				5863429071	2463859071		58604723EXGI
						7902346518	85067432EXI9
						7092436581	58076342EXGI
						0794263851	85703624EXGI

I now give half a lead of Minor, Major, five variations of Royal, and one of Maximus, and proceed at once to compare them. When the Treble is in one-two all the bells from third place upwards plain hunt in reverse coursing order in every variation. When the Treble passes into three-four the 2nd leads a whole pull and in Minor the 6th coursing in front of the 5th makes 4th place at the cross section, in Major, Royal and Maximus the 7th which is coursing in front of the 5th makes the place. When the Treble dodges in three-four, 2nd place is made in Minor, Major and Royal A B C and E, but in D 5th and 6th are made instead of 2nd and so the method ceases to be London. At the same time the bells from five-six upwards in Minor, Major, Royal A and B, and Maximus cease to plain hunt backwards, and Treble Bob Hunt in direct course order but in C D and E places are made which disturbs this Treble Bob Work and so they cease to be London. As the Treble makes her way up behind, first the 3rd comes under her and makes a place in Minor, Major, Royal A B E, and Maximus, but not in C and D which are therefore not London. Then the 4th; in Minor, Major, Royal A B and Maximus, but not in C D and E. Then the 6th, 8th, 10th, xth, yth and 9th in proper course

order but not so in C D or E. Moreover the bell which does 5 6 5 work in Minor, Major, Royal A B, and Maximus proceeds up to the back in a Treble Bob Hunt and does treble bob work with the Treble behind, but this work is not in C D or E. The Royal A, is London Surprise throughout, but unfortunately it is illegitimate. In B every place is London work until the Treble gets into 90 when we have six rows in the lead which are not pure London, in C we have sixteen rows which are not pure London, in D six rows, in E ten, and in the Maximus six rows. Lastly London Minor and Major, Royal A, B, and Maximus never have more than one internal place at a cross section, but C D and E have two internal places at some cross sections, which is not right in London Surprise. The sections in brackets in B C D E and Maximus are sections in which true London work is departed from and it will at once be seen that B is the only legitimate variation in which this alteration is confined to those rows in which the Treble is above 8ths place, the work being exactly the same as Major up to that point, but in C D and E the London work is upset far earlier in the lead. In Maximus it is all pure London work until the Treble gets into 11-12.

Finally let me ask those who are interested in this question to make a diagram of each of these plain courses when they will find that B has work which differs from Major far less than either C D or E, and that the Maximus is nearer to the Major than any of the Royal variations.

[The foregoing article was intended to succeed Mr. Lindoff's previous letter, but the space it occupies could only be granted in this number—ED.]

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Lutterworth on Saturday last, January 18th. The eight bells of the parish church of St. Mary were open for ringing from 2.0 p.m.

Tea was held at The Coach and Horses inn, followed by the general meeting, at which the chair was taken by the vice-President, Mr. John W. Taylor, supported by Mr. Arthur Wakley (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. Bannister (churchwarden), and Mr. Joseph Griffin, acting as hon. secretary in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. White.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Letters of apology were read from the Ven. Archdeacon Stocks, (Misterton), the Rev. E. Jackson, (Rector of Gilmorton, near Lutterworth), and Mr. S. F. Topham, (churchwarden of St. Mary's, Lutterworth). Mr. Taylor said they would all be pleased to hear that their Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. E. White, although unable to be present, was daily improving in health, and hoped to be with them again at the Annual Meeting, which would be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, and to which he gave all a very cordial invitation. He then proceeded to review the peals rung during the last quarter, 42 in number, and consisting of:—

- 2 peals Bob Minor, (1 on handbells).
- 1 " Minor in four methods.
- 8 " Grandsire Triples.
- 1 " Oxford Bob Triples.
- 3 " Stedman Triples.
- 2 " Bob Major.
- 6 " Double Norwich C.B. Major.
- 6 " Kent Treble Bob Major.
- 6 " Superlative Surprise Major.
- 3 " Yorkshire Surprise Major.
- 2 " Grandsire Caters.
- 1 " Stedman Caters.
- 1 " Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Rung in 23 towers, and 1 on hand-bells.

This total was a record for any quarter since the formation of the Association, for which we were greatly indebted to the Northern Division. He also noticed that the S. Paul's society, Burton-on-Trent, had recommenced ringing Surprise methods, a peal of Superlative having been rung in December last, and from information received another had already been accomplished for 1908, and concluded by saying he was very proud of the progress made by the Association during the past year, which had 93 peals to its credit. Two Auditors were duly appointed in accordance with rule 11, the Rev. M. H. Pimm, Vicar of Colston Bassett, and the Rev. J. P. Hales, Vicar of Cotgrave, being unanimously elected. Votes of thanks for the use of the bells, and to A. Bannister, esq., churchwarden, for the arrangements of the meeting, were passed with acclamation. One honorary, two life, and twenty-nine ringing members, (making a total of seven honorary, ten life, and seventy-three ringing members for the year) were unanimously elected.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung during the afternoon and evening, much to the delight of the inhabitants of Lutterworth and neighbourhood.

ST. JAMES'S. BOLTON, BRADFORD.

This splendid ring of eight bells having been re-hung by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., Doncaster, will be re-opened on February 1st, 1908. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM (REPORTED LAST WEEK).—W. C. Rumsey's 100 Peals.—Doubles 1, conducted 1; Minor 7, conducted 3; Grandsire Triples 4, conducted 3; Stedman Triples 5; Bob Triples 2; Bob Major 17, conducted 3; Double Norwich 22, conducted 7; Double Oxford 2; Oxford Major 22, conducted 7; Kent Major 7, conducted 2; Royal 3; Stedman Caters 1; Superlative Surprise 7, conducted 1. Total—100; conducted 27.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

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* 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22.

The last fourteen courses twice repeated, calling the first course 4 5 16, produces 214356. Round at 2, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15.

This peal has the 3rd, 4th and 5th their extent behind the 9th: also the 6th its extent in 4ths and 6ths place in the in-course position, and the treble a 2nds place bell. It has an original set of eleven courses, the transposition of which is new to the method, and the first published on this plan.

Rung at Sheffield on the 7th inst., conducted by William Lomas.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, January 6th, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1908 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, T. Whitfield, L. Rodmell, G. T. Marshall, C. Jackson composer and conductor, H. Jenkins, B. Cooke. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

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THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest at Brighthouse on Saturday, January 18th, and a good muster of ringers and friends assembled to take part in the proceedings. Six companies took part in the contest, each set ringing a test piece of 640 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, preceded by a plain course of 224 changes for practice. The bells, tenor 14½ cwt., with the schools, had been placed at the Society's disposal by the Vicar of Brighthouse, the Rev. O. S. Laurie, M.A. The judges for the occasion were Messrs. Jas. Angus, Bradford, C. Neild, Kirkheaton, and F. Crossley, Brighthouse. The draw for order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., and the first set to ring were soon busy at the ropes.

A grand tea was served to the visitors during the afternoon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At the close of the contest the general meeting was held in the schools, the chair being taken by vice-president Lawson, who was supported by the Vicar of Brighthouse and the officers of the Society.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting at Lightcliffe were read and confirmed, and as no invitation was brought forward for place of next contest on six bells, it was decided to leave same in the officers' hands.

The result of the ringing was then declared by Mr. Angus as follows: No. 1 company Lightcliffe St. Matthew's, 222 faults; 2 company Birstal, 292 faults; 3 company Ripponden, 372 faults; 4 company Low Moor, 204 faults; 5 company Halifax parish, 211 faults; 6 company Almondbury, 210 faults. No 4 company were declared the winners.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the Rev. O. S. Laurie for the use of the bells and schools, and for his presence with them that evening to present the cup to the winners. This was seconded by Mr. Rylands and warmly carried.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for the vote passed so heartily. It was an easy matter to grant the use of the bells, which he had had the pleasure to do, because he really did take a deep interest in change-ringing, although he had not succeeded in learning the Art, having been brought up in Scotland where rings of bells were few. He therefore had now all the greater pleasure in hearing bells pealing forth their music, and he had been wondering how the judges had been able to find so many faults in the ringing that afternoon. He had pleasure in handing the silver cup to Mr. Emmett, who had conducted the winning company, on behalf of the Association, which he hoped would continue to grow and prosper, and he trusted they would visit Brighthouse again, when he would be pleased to repeat the welcome.

Mr. Emmett suitably thanked the Vicar for the present, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges. This was seconded and carried, to which Mr. Angus responded.

A vote of thanks to the Brighthouse branch, and to the ladies for their arrangements and hospitality, was carried unanimously, and responded to by Mr. Drake, who said it was a pleasure to know that satisfaction had been given, and if the visitors were satisfied the Brighthouse branch were highly gratified.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought another very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE ROYSTON (HERTS.) SOCIETY.

During 1907 the members of this Society were successful in ringing 136 720s in twenty-one methods on their own bells, being 12 Surprise, 52 Treble Bob, and 72 in Plain methods, as follows: Cambridge Surprise, 9; Superlative, 3; Duke of York, 3; City Delight, 3; New London Pleasure, 2; Violet, 2; London Scholars' Pleasure, 2; College Pleasure, 2; Oxford Delight, 5; Woodbine, 12; Oxford Treble Bob, 11; Kent Treble Bob, 10; Double Oxford, 12; Double Court, 11; Single Court, 8; College Single, 15; Oxford Bob, 13; Canterbury Pleasure, 5; Double Bob, 1; Grandsire, 2; Plain Bob, 5; total 136. Except for one service when the bells were silent on account of illness near the church, they have been rung for every morning and evening service on Sunday during the past year.

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THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, WANSTEAD.

During the past year the above Society, with a few friends, have rung sixty-three 720s in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, 25; Oxford Treble Bob, 14; Plain Bob, 24. The following have taken part in the ringing: G. Cornell, 41; W. Smith, 53; F. Squires, 62; W. Keeble, 47; J. B. Marks, 45; E. A. Lebbon, 53; A. H. Doherty, 25; H. Bodger, 14; J. Marks, 21; S. Bird, 8; G. A. Black, 2; G. Dawson, 2; A. Neale, 1; E. Barnett, jun., 1; G. Lucas, 1; H. Woods, 1. The conducting was shared by W. Keeble, 41; J. B. Marks, 18; F. Squires, 3; A. H. Doherty, 1.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

LONDON ROYAL.

SIR,—I am very much obliged for the answer Mr. Lindoff has been pleased to give regarding the above, but I do not accept it as being the correct one (for reasons see my letter of December 14th), and I shall bring the subject before the Committee of the Central Council, who, I presume will be allowed to give a decision which I hope will be a satisfactory one, and accepted by all interested as being final.

F. G. MAY.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—May I ask through the medium of your valuable paper for particulars of the bells of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, such as their founders, weight of tenor, and whether they are ringable. It is now several years since I visited this charming watering place, and from what I remember of this particular tower it contained a ring of eight, with a tenor (as far as I could judge by the sound) of about 20 cwt. I unfortunately had no opportunity of going up the tower at the time. I have searched the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" for any account of ringing being done there, but as I have not seen what I sought for, I write this in the hope that some brother ringer will enlighten me on the subject.

F. C. TURNER.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 1st, a date touch of Minor, in 72 mins., being 720 Oxford Bob and 1188 Plain Bob. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot. On Saturday, November 30th, being the 25th anniversary of the re-opening of St. Lawrence's church after restoration, a date touch of 1907 Bob Minor, in 70 mins. W. Forster, W. Bibby, E. H. Lewis conductor, A. Unsworth, S. Faulkner, T. Lightfoot.

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Date Touches.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 9th, a date touch of 1908 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 1188 Bob Minor. C. List, F. C. Lambert, E. Chatten, J. Larter, F. Watling conductor, J. Punchard.

Miscellaneous.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 8th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 48 mins. J. Hiscock, W. Trusler, S. G. Twyman conductor, F. Reeve, E. Wilson, J. Blytheman, A. H. Saxby, W. Collison. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Christmas morning, for Early Communion, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, C. Mayne, F. Vickers conductor, E. Field, A. Vickers, C. Rollings, W. Jeffs, W. Neale. 168 in the same method. G. Wright, C. Mayne, E. Field, F. Vickers conductor, A. Vickers, C. White, C. Rollings, W. Jeffs. For morning service two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Mayne conductor, E. Field, F. Vickers, A. Vickers, C. White, W. Neale. On December 31st, to ring out the old year, 560 and 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, T. Underwood, F. Vickers conductor, E. Field, A. Vickers, W. Jeffs, C. Rollings, W. Neale. On January 1st, to ring in the new year, 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Vickers, C. Mayne, T. Underwood, E. Field, C. Rollings, F. Vickers conductor, W. Jeffs, S. Turner.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUYTON.—On Saturday, January 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor. M. Harris, W. Birchall, J. Copple, W. Booth, W. Hughes conductor, T. Barton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part. F. W. Bond, H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, A. C. Harmer, J. J. Jefferies, C. E. Bartlett, F. Protherough, F. Lewis.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TALGARTH.—On Friday, December 6th, at St. Gwendoline's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. Edwards, A. J. Griffiths, W. D. Griffiths, C. Price, J. Hammond, L. S. Griffiths conductor. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 31st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, 1284 changes, in 44 mins. G. Edser, A. Shepherd, A. Woodrow, G. Edser, jun., C. J. Hamblin, J. Emery, S. C. Hamblin, G. Woodiss conductor.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Friday, December 6th, in honour of the birthday of Mrs. Ryle, wife of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lowman, A. J. LeClercq, G. Upshall, A. Smith, E. Newell, A. Baigent, T. Upshall conductor, H. Kimber. On Sunday, December 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. LeClercq, G. Upshall, E. Bowditch, W. Lowman, E. Clapshaw, E. Newell, F. E. Dawe, C. Edwards.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSIDE.—On Friday, November 29th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Forster, A. Charlton, R. Dixon, T. H. Surtees, A. M. C. Field, F. Barron

conductor. Rung in honour of the home-coming of Lewis Priestman, esq., M.F.H., after his marriage. The same method was rung on the day of the wedding.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HEANOR (Notts).—On December 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Bryan, W. Brunsdon conductor, W. Henson, E. Walker, G. Blanchard, W. Robinson, P. Walker, H. Farnsworth.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—Recently, an attempt for a peal collapsed at the half-way owing to a rope breaking. E. Carter, L. J. Dickerson, W. Seeley, W. Radley, G. Flatt, W. Everett, T. Fitzjohn conductor, C. Carter. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 1st, at Christ Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Lockwood, John Thackray, F. Gaunt, J. Peacock, M. Broadbent, Joe Thackray.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, December 1st, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. O. Gibbey, L. Green, G. Essex, G. Irvine, E. G. Frankum, R. T. Hibbert, E. W. Munday conductor, H. Simmonds.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, November 26th, at the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 720 Plain Bob. G. Taylor, T. Dennis, P. Taylor, T. W. Dickinson, W. B. Kempton, F. Kempton conductor.

DEPTFORD.—On Wednesday, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Weatherstone, E. F. Pike, T. G. Deal, W. Hewitt, F. Bennett conductor, E. B. Crowder, W. Jeffries, J. Crowder.

EXETER.—On a recent Saturday evening, at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Richardson, W. Mogridge, G. W. Challice, F. Murphy, E. Sargent, J. Moss, E. Shepherd conductor, W. Acreman.

FRENSHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. G. Cranham, E. Garbutt, R. Gwilliam, C. Edwards, E. Ewell, W. Deadman. First 360 by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor. Several 6-scores with H. Mills and S. Day.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Bloxley, F. Talbut, W. Lewis, F. Andrew, W. Wilson, M. Atkins conductor.

ISLE OF DOGS.—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. H. Hawkins, F. W. Thornton conductor, J. Law, E. E. Richards, T. Cranfield, A. W. Coles, R. Sanders, G. Jolly.

QUEENSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, July 19th, for Divine Service in the evening at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Ainger, J. Palframan, J. Broadley, A. Benson, H. Sugden, A. Gill conductor, J. F. Mallaby, S. Palframan. First quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. King, R. Bosworth, A. Moore, F. Viles, W. Maund, A. W. Flowers conductor, J. Fennell, G. Webster.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1907.

DEATH OF MRS. J. W. STEDDY, OF EDENBRIDGE.

It is our melancholy duty to record the sudden decease of ROSA, the dearly-beloved wife of Mr. J. W. Steddy, which sad event took place on Tuesday, the 14th instant. Many of our readers, especially ringers in the counties of Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, will know that it is barely twelve months ago since the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Steddy was announced in these columns, the ceremony being performed by a well-known ringer—the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral. And now a young life of much promise has been cut short by the hand of death in an awfully sudden manner. Our old friend who is left to mourn his great loss will certainly receive the sincere and lasting sympathy of all in his sudden bereavement.

The funeral of the deceased lady took place at Edenbridge on Friday, January 17th, amid universal expressions of respect and sympathy; business in the town being almost entirely suspended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Somers (Vicar), and the Rev. R. Nicol (curate). Within the church the organist played Beethoven's funeral march and the Dead March in Saul, while the choir sang the hymn "Peace, perfect peace." As a token of respect the local ringers rung for service on Sunday, with the bells half-muffled.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, January 18, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN* .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	FRANK HOWELL Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD EDMUND RICHARDS.

Rung to celebrate the fifty-first anniversary of the dedication of the church.

The Provinces.**TRULL, SOMERSETSHIRE.****EHE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 14, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-score. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs.

T. COLLARD Treble.	W. WEAVER 4.
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Conducted by G. WEAVER.

First peal by all except the conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.*On Wednesday, December 31, 1907, in Three Hours.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. Treble.	REV. E. COX 6.
F. BARRETT 2.	F. S. WHITE 7.
H. HOLIFIELD 3.	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 8.
E. HUMFREY 4.	R. WHITE 9.
N. SPINDLOW 5.	F. WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung on the nineteenth anniversary of the record peal of Stedman Caters, 15,041 changes, in 9 hrs. 16 mins.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	CHARLES H. HORTON .. 7.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Cave.

BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS MILLER Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 7.
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition is now rung for the first time. *First peal on twelve bells. †First peal of Maximus. ‡First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)*On Tuesday, January 7, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.
Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble.	CLEMENT GLENN 6.
GEORGE HOLMES 2.	JOHN THORPE 7.
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ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 5.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD
(THREE TOWNS BRANCH)*On Wednesday, January 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.

J. WOODLEY* Treble.	W. RICHARDS 5.
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W. FORD 4.	†C. GULLETT Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

†First peal. *First peal away from the tenor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.***On Thursday, January 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN Treble.	GEORGE BULL 5.
ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON .. 6.
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Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
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On Thursday, January 9 1908, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST LUBBOCK* Treble.	*JOHN FREEMAN 5.
GEORGE HARVEY* 2.	GEORGE MAYERS 6.
ALEXANDER POTTER† 3.	JOHN E. BURTON 7.
GEORGE P. BURTON 4.	EGBERT BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and Conducted by E. BORRETT.

*First peal. †First in the method.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, January 9, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR HADLEY Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS* 2.	WILLIAM HARGEST 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	CHARLES L. SADLER 7.
GEORGE GIBLIN 4.	†WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the eight bells. †First peal on eight bells. *First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 10, 1908, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

IRWIN MASSEY Treble.	GEORGE A. SMITH 5.
EDWIN HARPER 2.	ARTHUR LATHAM 6.
JOHN WOODWARD 3.	WILLIAM RIGBY 7.
JAMES WILDBLOOD 4.	TOM SHONE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR LATHAM.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS .. 2.	ALFRED DAVIES 5.
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3.	ROBERT E. SPARKES .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by the tenor-man, who is one of the local band.

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALFRED ROUTLEY* .. Treble.	*WALTER WORGAN 5.
FREDERICK ILEY 2.	†GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 6.
JOHN HARRIS* 3.	GEORGE PRUEN 7.
JAMES DUNN* 4.	*JAMES CORAM Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal on the bells by a local band. *First peal. *First peal as conductor.

Peal-Boards made by JAMES HUNT, Change Ringer, of 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, meet with great favour.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

T. BECKWITH* Treble.	W. NEWTON 5.
J. W. NEWTON 2.	T. METCALFE 6.
REV. A. W. LISTER† .. 3.	T. STEPHENSON 7.
JAS. BAXTER 4.	*W. J. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First in the method. †First with a bob bell. Rung on the birthday of Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR ROBINSON .. Treble.	MORRIS A. TURNER .. 3.
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT 4.
JOHN K. MAIN	JOHN K. MAIN Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

A. Robinson was proposed a member previous to starting.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK TAYLOR .. Treble.	CHARLES W. SMITH .. 3.
WILLIAM EDWARDS 2.	GEORGE W. TOMPKINS .. 4.
JOHN HIGGINS	JOHN HIGGINS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HIGGINS.

First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, the "go" being excellent.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 4.
REV. A. G. LANGDON .. 2.	†HENRY WALLACE 5.
ERNEST A. OVERALL .. 3.	BARNARD PATMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

†First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY CLAYDON .. Treble.	GEORGE ARNOLD 4.
JAMES FLEUTY 2.	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5.
WALTER BURST 3.	ERNEST RIDGWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST RIDGWELL.

First peal on the bells, and rung on the first anniversary,

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt, 21 lbs. in F.

WALTER G. ROWE, R.E. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 4.
HENRY W. WILKES* .. 2.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040 on six bells; also first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), for so readily granting permission, and also in kindly entertaining the band to an excellent tea before starting for the peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE,

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	JOHN BASS 5.
ALFRED J. WALLATER* .. 2.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 6.
GEORGE HUGHES .. 3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RHYS M. HOWES Treble.	FREDERICK G. BIGGS .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS .. 6.
ARTHUR G. JAMES .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY STAFFORD .. 4.	FREDERICK E. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, and College Pleasure. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE WALES Treble.	ARTHUR TULLETT .. 4.
JOHN AKERHURST .. 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR .. 5.
FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUN. 3.	FREDK. W. TULLETT, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, SEN.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. G. GODDARD .. Treble.	C. CAREW COX .. 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	THOMAS BEADLE .. 6.
ALBERT H. WHITTINGTON 3.	*GEORGE SPENCER .. 7.
JAMES N. FROSELL .. 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. CAREW COX.

*First peal with a bob bell, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHAS. WILLSHIRE, JUN.* .. Treble.	†FREDERICK BENNETT .. 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. 7.
ALFRED F. WINCH .. 3.	HENRY L. GARFATH .. 8.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 9.
MAURICE SMITHER* .. 5.	FRANK BLONDELL .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Bob Royal.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. A. PHILLIPS Treble.	C. SUMMERS 4.
W. HOYLES 2.	C. GREEDY 5.
G. STACEY 3.	H. MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

First peal on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three of Oxford Bob, and four of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK OSBORNE* .. Treble.	HARRY GOODWIN .. 4.
ARTHUR BURR* .. 2.	JAMES FORD .. 5.
WILLIAM WENBAN* .. 3.	†DENIS J. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by D. J. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Wenban, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GRANT Treble.	JOSIAH HARRIS 5.
JOHN W. WHITING .. 2.	GEORGE W. GRAHAM .. 6.
SIDNEY CHURCHER .. 3.	EDWIN J. HARDING .. 7.
FREDERICK BUBNETT .. 4.	*ALBERT MILLARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN J. HARDING.

*First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Chappell, foreman of the Wickham band, who unfortunately could not stand in at the last moment on account of illness.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 17, 1908, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE .. 5.
ROBERT SPERRING .. 2.	EDWIN H. LEWIS .. 6.
JAMES V. WRIGHT .. 3.	EDWARD ROWLANDS .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the Guild.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John, South Hackney, on January 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on January 28th; St. Dunstan-in-the-East on January 30th; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due, and should be paid before February 29th next.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—A special general meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th, at 9 p.m. in the Association's room, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. The practice will not be held at St. Clement Danes. All members are requested to attend. Members please note the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th. Particulars later.

T. H. TAFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Beverley to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolloth. Local Hon. Sec.—Mr. Walter Gibson, 3, Brithunus Terrace, Long Lane, Beverley. The Lancashire and Yorkshire trip will leave Halifax and Bradford at 11.40, picking up en route, through Pontefract. See official bills.

JNO T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, from 3 till 8. Tea at 5 o'clock.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the North and West District of the above Association will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Siddons. The bells will be raised at 4 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1908 are now due.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4.30. In accordance with the decision of the Central Committee, no travelling allowances will be paid to members attending this meeting, but will be paid to a subsequent meeting, the particular meeting to be decided on at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting or sent to the District Secretary.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chichester to-day, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 5 p.m., at Hobbs', South Street.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Waltham to-day, Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Workmen's Hall, 5. Meeting at the Parish Room after.

Fareham. J. WHITING, *Dis. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering District.—The next meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, February 1st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know by Tuesday, January 28th.

J. C. SHATFORD, *Dis. Sec.*
50, Garden Street, Kettering.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, February 1st. Service in St. Thomas's church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. G. Maitland, Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for those only sending in their names to me by Wednesday, January 29th. The tower bells (10) will be available for ringing.

J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Bransford, Worcester.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, February 1st, in St. Mary's Mission Hall, Lacy Road, High Street, Putney, by kind permission of the Vicar. Owing to the closing of Fulham tower for repairs, the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, will be available from 4 to 5.30, by kind permission of the Rector. Tea in St. Mary's Mission Hall (9d. each), at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. The bells of St. Mary's, Putney, will be available after the meeting. It is particularly requested that those intending to be present will please write not later than January 29th to

WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Warwick Road, Earls Court.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Sidcup on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with an address by the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin, Vicar, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in St. John's Hall after the service. The Vicar will provide light tea for those who send me in their names by Tuesday, January 28th. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Tilling's motor buses run close to the church. Important business will be brought forward.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
34, Adeinde Road, Chislehurst.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, February 1st. Tea at 5 p.m. Members taking tea are requested to inform Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, by January 29th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, February 1st. Bells at both churches will be by kind permission of the respective incumbents, be open at 3.30 p.m. A service will be held at Christ Church at 5 p.m., at which all members are invited to attend. Tea will take place at the Town Dining Rooms, opposite the clock, at 6 p.m., and the business meeting will follow, at which important business will be discussed.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st, at Newcastle-under-Lyme. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. James Whitfield, 13, Back Brampton,

Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Wednesday, January 29th.

Rev. E. V. Cox, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at Boyne Hill. The bells of All Saints church will be available after two o'clock p.m. A short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Drummond, Vicar of All Saints. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting at 6. Members intending to be present kindly inform the Rev. H. C. Wilder, Hon. Secretary, Farnham Royal Rectory, Slough.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at The Fox and Hounds at 5.30 p.m. to be followed by the business meeting. The tea will be 9d. per head, and I would be much obliged if members would intimate their intention of being present beforehand. G. F. MARGETSON, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Richmond Terrace, South Woodford.

St. Mary's Guild, Portsmouth.—At a meeting held on January 11th, the Rev. C. W. Scott in the chair, Mr. E. J. Harding was elected foreman, and Mr. J. M. Turner Secretary of the band. The practices were arranged for Saturday nights at 8 p.m. until further notice. In future all communications respecting the above Guild to be addressed to J. M. Turner, Esq., "Southmill," Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The future address of W. Page will be 51, St. John's, Worcester. —The address of G. R. Newton is Hillside Lodge, Acrefield Road, Woolton, Lancashire.

DOUBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. W. WILDE, *Belgrave.*

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Five times repeated, with s instead of B at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal has the 6th eighteen times each way in 5-6, and was first rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on Friday, January 17th, 1908, conducted by Edwin H. Lewis.

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Obituary.

ISAAC HITCHMAN.

During November last the death occurred of Isaac Hitchman of Harwell, Berks. He had acted up till the winter of 1903-4 as foreman of the local band for some twenty-five years or more. He assisted for the last time in ringing out the old year and ringing in the new during that winter, but owing to failing health was obliged to give up the exercise subsequently, though his death occurred at a comparatively early age, some fifty years. After 1887 when the bells at the parish church were rehung, he was one, with four of his brothers, and others of a good six bell band, coached by the late Mr. Alfred Thomas, at one time Secretary to the St. Martin's society, Birmingham, and was a very good striker at the heavy end in Minor ringing. He was a wheelwright

and undertaker, and for the last few years landlord of The White Hart inn, Harwell, formerly kept by Alfred Thomas. The parish church bells were rung muffled in his memory, and in that of his mother, who also passed away a few days after him.

GEORGE ALEXANDER.

The remains of George Alexander, the oldest inhabitant of Capel St. Mary, Suffolk, and one of the oldest ringers known, was laid to rest in the churchyard on Saturday afternoon. Deceased was in his 99th year. Although only a treble ringer he dearly loved bells and would sit hours in the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower at Ipswich. For 46 years he was a Schoolmaster at Bentley, Capel and Hinton, being at Capel when the old school was struck by lightning in 1854.

The Rev. A. Cecil Johnson (Rector), conducted the rites.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

On New Year's day the ringers of St. Michael's Guild were entertained to dinner at The Boar's Head hotel, by Mr. Charles H. Howard (churchwarden). Rev. J. W. Kenworthy (Vicar), and Rev. H. Jordan (curate), P. V. Hawkes (Vicar's warden), L. J. Alden (synodsmen), J. Newman (organist), and the two vergers were also present. After dinner the evening was spent in toast and song and selections on the hand-bells, Rev. H. Jordan, Messrs. Alden, Fuller, Hammond, and Roper contributing. In thanking Mr. Howard for annually entertaining the ringers, the Vicar stated the Guild wished him to say the kindness was very much appreciated by them.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

On Thursday, January 2nd, the ringers and choir of St. Andrew's Church, Simpson, Bucks., were kindly entertained at the Rectory by the Rev. W. Rice. At 7-30 p.m. the party sat down to an excellent supper provided by the Rector. After supper dancing was indulged in, a very enjoyable time being spent. The Fenny Stratford Town Prize band, which was in attendance, played suitable music throughout the evening. Cheers were given for the Rector who had entertained the party so loyally. After singing Auld lang syne and God save the King, the company dispersed.

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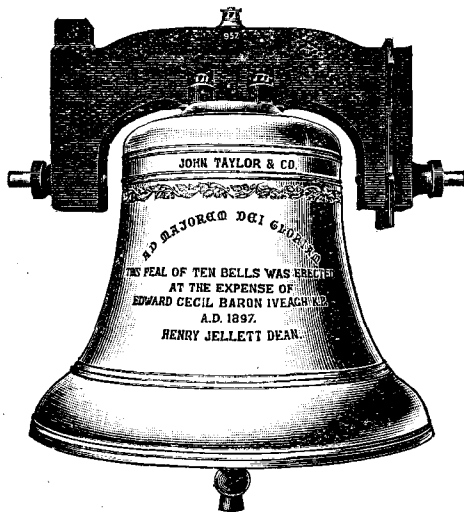
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Also the bells of Dundalk r.c. Cathedral, and "Great Bede" of Downside Abbey, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, Kendal, and Londonderry; and the Sydney and Adelaide Post Offices in Australia.

Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A.
And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL.—On Monday, December 25th, for practice at the parish church, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Potter, W. Howell, A. Shuffebotham, E. P. Buckingham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. On Thursday, November 28th, for a wedding, 1008 Bob Major, 1024 Oxford, 784 Double Norwich, and 960 Kent. R. Potter, W. Howell, W. Dyer, A. Shuffebotham, J. Sadler, C. Norfolk, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott conductor.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins., composed by J. Bradley. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, A. Neale, J. Moule, T. Cranfield, W. Truss, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, G. Hayden, G. Potter. On Sunday, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, was rung for evening service, in 50 mins. composed by H. J. Tucker. W. Doran conductor, S. Hayes, J. Moule, R. Saunders, H. Torble, A. Scambler, T. Cranfield, S. Bird, W. Theobald, G. Potter.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 79,942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,297,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,414. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the

Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the principal Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteration has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4,000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

For each of the past ten years a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 10s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies in the Ordinary Branch issued since the year 1876. The Directors are now pleased to announce a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government securities	..	..	..	3,415,976	13	
Reserve Funds	..	..	..	2,300,000	0	0	Indian and Colonial Government securities	..	..	..	6,156,247	4	
Life Assurance Funds	..	..	..	60,470.43	4	1	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks,	..	..	..			
Claims under life policies admitted	..	..	..	116,576	18	11	and gold and sterling bonds	..	..	..	7,743,842	19	
							Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	..	..	..	14,091,357	12	4
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	4,501,678	8	10
							Freehold and leasehold property	..	..	..	3,560,244	13	8
							Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	..	..	..	7,975,178	5	0
							Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	..	..	..	7,404,984	18	9
							Suez Canal shares	..	..	..	163,709	13	0
							Telegraph and other shares	..	..	..	97,420	2	2
							Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of	..	..	..			
							London bonds	..	..	..	257,901	11	10
							Bank of England stock	..	..	..	202,756	18	6
							Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	..	..	..	1,564,957	14	7
							Foreign Government securities	..	..	..	1,539,459	7	4
							Reversions and Life Interests	..	..	..	1,220,637	14	1
							Loans on the Company's Policies	..	..	..	2,372,768	10	8
							Rent Charges	..	..	..	278,523	13	1
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	..	..	..	544,207	4	8
							Outstanding interest and rents	..	..	..	515,685	7	1
							Cash—In hands of superintendents	..	..	..	35,973	11	7
							Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand	..	..	..	183,495	18	11
											£63,887,008	3	0

THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

FREDK. SCHOOLING, Actuary.
D. W. STABLE, Secretary.H. A. HARBEN, Acting Chairman.
J. W. SIMMONDS, } Directors.
J. H. LUSCOMBE }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS, & Co., Chartered Accountants.

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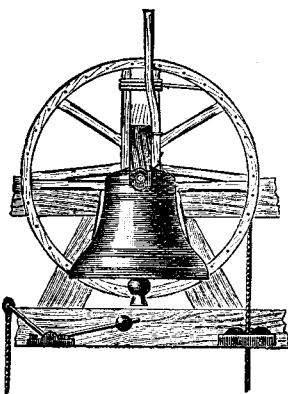
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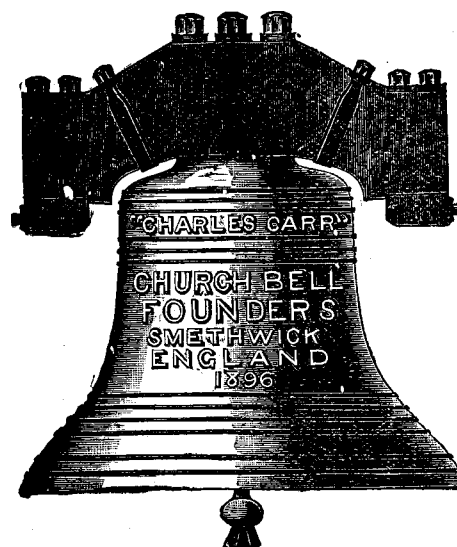
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